poor thing I We have already seen • Faust ' twice, and are going again soon, and shall take the George Macdonalds this time. The Holman Hunts were delighted. He is one of the most interesting and clever men I have ever met, and she is very charming[1] and clever too. Ho\v beautifully plain you write ! Give me the recipe.

" With many kind greetings,

" Believe me sincerely yours,

"ANTOINETTE STERLING

My girl Edy was one of the angels in the vision in the kst act of " Faust/* an event which Henry commemorated in a little rhyme that he sent me on Valentine's Day with some beautiful flowers:

" White anM red rooes,
Sweet a.nd fresh posies,
One bunch for Edy, *Angel* of mine —
One bunch for Nell, nay dear Valentine."

Mr. Took ran a burlesque on the Lyceum " Faust/* caJled " Faust-and-Loose." Henry did not care for burlesques as a rule. He thought Fred Leslie's exact imitation of him, face, spectacles, voice — everything was like Henry except the ballet-skirt — in the worst taste. But everything that Toole did was to him adorable. Marie Linden gave a really clever imitation of me as Marguerite. She and her sister Laura both had the trick of talcing me off. I recognised the truth of Laura's caricature in the burlesque of " The Vicar of Wakefield " when as Olivia she made her entrance, leaping impulsively aver a stile !

There was an absurd chorus of girl " mashers " in " Faust and-Loose," dresseti in tight black satin coats, who besides dancing and singing had lines in unison, such as " No, no!" "We will!" As one of these girls Violet Vanbrugh

made her first appearance on the stage. In her case " we will ! " proved prophetic. It was her plucky " I will get